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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THROUGH:

SUBJECT:

Possible Research Facilities in Ching Hai Area, China

REFERENCE:

- a. Requirement NSA/SOC/R70-69
NPIC Project No. 250304
- b. Requirement NSA/SOC/R64-69
NPIC Project No. 250167

1. In response to the requirement in Reference (a), an area within 10 nm of the perimeter of Koko Nor was searched for previously unreported items of possible military significance.

2. The only new item of military significance noted in the search area is a possible radar site (Figure 1) located at 37-08-35N 100-32-05E. The site consists of an enclosed area containing six buildings and two unidentified objects. Another unidentified object is located adjacent to the site. Comparative photography from [] reveals that this facility was constructed in [] 25X1D

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3. A detailed analysis of the two installations previously reported as possible research facilities in response to Reference (b), indicates that only one of them is as reported. The western installation (36-35-30N 100-29-00E) (Figure 2) is a possible research facility but the eastern installation (36-33-22N 100-38-10E) (Figure 3) appears to be a possible military contingent involved in unidentified activity with small vessels. The western facility does not appear to be industrial, military, institutional, or agricultural.

The western installation, on which construction was started in [] consists of a walled compound containing four distinct groups of buildings. Two of the groups containing a total of 51 buildings appear to be for housing. The third group contains a possible messhall, three identical flat-roofed buildings, a possible motorpool area with two buildings, and 14 support buildings. The separately secured fourth group along the waterfront contains a possible steam plant, five partially revetted buildings (three adjacent to the possible steam plant), six flat roof buildings, six support-type buildings, and a possible transverser. One pier with nine small vessels and an unidentified off-shore structure are associated with this installation. 25X1D

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The eastern installation, on which construction began in [REDACTED] is a secured area containing six barrack-type buildings, one administration-type building, one messhall-type building, two possible storage buildings, two probable animal pens, and 11 support-type buildings. Three support-type buildings are located outside the compound. Eighteen small vessels are on the beach adjacent to the facility and two small vessels are located at the "L" shaped pier associated with the facility. 25X1D

4. A determination, as mentioned in requirement (a), of the relationship between the possible research facility and an airfield under construction (Kung-Ho) could not be made from available photography. However, the facilities are connected by a road network to Haiyen Complex.

5. The search area was covered by clear [REDACTED] photography of good interpreta- 25X1
 bility. The [REDACTED] mission and the [REDACTED] missions were used to establish installation construction dates.

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6. Questions regarding this project may be directed to the imagery analyst, [REDACTED] of the China, North Korea Branch, EGD/IEG, on extension [REDACTED] This project is considered to be complete.

Chief, Imagery Exploitation Group
 NPIC

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